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1. ON AUGUST 6 USYG BUFFUM'S OFFICE FORMALLY PROVIDED USUN WITH TEXT OF FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) GENEVA.

"PLEASE INFORM UNDER-SECRETARY BUFFUM THAT WE (UNHCR) RECEIVED FOLLOWING CABLE FROM GHASSAN THUENI, MINISTER OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, BEIRUT: 'GRATEFUL ANY ASSISTANCE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES MAY AWARD IN VIEW RESETTLEMENT FOURTEEN THOUSAND RECENTLY DISPLACED PERSONS FROM NORTH LEBANON, THEIR MOST URGENT NEED BEING MATTRESSES, BLANKETS AND COOKING UTENSILS. APPRECIATE CABLE REPLYING INFORMING IF ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE.' TO WHICH WE (UNHCR) REPLIED AS FOLLOWS: 'HAVE HONOUR REFER YOUR CABLE RECEIVED VIA ATHENS ON TWO AUGUST REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FOR FOURTEEN THOUSAND DISPLACED PERSONS NORTH LEBANON; HAVE NOT FAILED DRAW AT-

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TENTION YOUR CABLE TO UNDER-SECRETARY WILLIAM BUFFUM,

UN COORDINATOR OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON, NEW YORK. AT PRESENT UNHCR CONTINUES MAKING AVAILABLE TO ALL SIDES LIMITED QUANTITIES MEDICAMENTS AND FOOD THROUGH WHO AND ICRC CHANNELS. UNFORTUNATELY ALL CASH FUNDS EXHAUSTED. HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."

2. AS UN COORDINATOR OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON, BUFFUM'S OFFICE HAS REQUESTED UNHCR GENEVA PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE EXTENT OF NEED, ESTIMATED DOLLAR AMOUNTS, AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON FACILITIES FOR DISTRIBUTION. UNHCR HAS BEEN ASKED TO COORDINATE ITS ACTIVITIES WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS.
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